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First Nations consultation way forward, says president

First Nations in British Columbia remain staunchly opposed to a proposed pipeline linking the province's north coast to Alberta's oilsands after the federal government and Northern Gateway announced they will not appeal a Federal Court of Appeal decision on the project.

Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, said the two announcements Tuesday make no difference to First Nations that would be negatively impacted by the $7.9-billion project, which he described as being "on life support."

Shortly after Northern Gateway announced it would not appeal the court decision made in June, Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr said the government also has no plans to file an appeal.

Speaking outside the House of Commons, Carr reiterated the court's decision saying the previous Conservative government did not do its job to properly consult with indigenous people.

Northern Gateway president John Carruthers said in a statement issued earlier Tuesday that meaningful consultation, not litigation, is the best path forward for a project he said would economically benefit First Nations and Métis, and includes 31 indigenous equity partners.

The appeal court quashed approval of the pipeline, saying Ottawa neglected to discuss subjects of critical importance to First Nations by ignoring many of the project's impacts and offering only a "brief, hurried and inadequate opportunity for consultation." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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If it's empty for more than nine months, you'll be fined

Jen St. Denis
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What is it costing us in staff hours and time to go out and fine marijuana dispensaries? What are we going to see with 1,000 empty homes? Coun. Melissa De Genova

An apparently empty home in Vancouver's Dunbar neighbourhood. The proposed fine on the owners of such homes is $10,000. JEN ST. DENIS/METRO FILE

Under the City of Vancouver's plan to tax empty homes, Vancouver will become the only city in Canada to both levy such a tax, and audit and enforce it, in a manner similar to Canada Revenue Agency as it collects and audits other taxes.

"It is new ground," said Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, manager of community services for the city.

Council passed a motion Tuesday to proceed to public consultation this fall.

City staff are still determining what that audit function will look like and how many staff will be required to collect and enforce the tax, which will add an extra 2 per cent on top of the existing property tax for housing left empty for nine out of 12 months of the year (January to December).

The B.C. government passed legislation this summer to give the City of Vancouver the power to levy, audit and enforce the tax, which required an amendment to the Vancouver Charter. No other municipalities in B.C. currently have the power to implement a similar tax.

A $10,000 fine has been proposed for homeowners who don't declare an empty home or who can't provide documentation to support their claim that the home is their primary residence. But that might not be enough to encourage homeowners to rent the home rather than keep it unoccupied, Llewellyn-Thomas said. The final fine will be determined after consultations this fall.

Also to be determined is whether homeowners who occupy a property just a few months of the year, but declare their principal residence elsewhere, would have to pay the tax.

Councillors who voted for the proposal say it will help to curb a rental crisis. City planner Matt Bourke said if just 2,000 of the Vancouver homes determined to be empty were rented out, the city's vacancy rate would rise from just 0.6 per cent to what is considered a "healthy" 3.5 per cent.

Vancouver has the lowest rental vacancy and highest rents of any Canadian city. A report this spring showed 10,000 units of housing in Vancouver are empty, based on BC Hydro electricity consumption data. The majority of those empty units are condos.

Non-Partisan Association councillors Melissa De Genova, Elizabeth Ball and George Affleck voted against the motion, saying they did not believe the new tax would deliver relief for renters.

"What is it costing us in staff hours and time to go out and fine marijuana dispensaries?" said Coun. De Genova. "What are we going to see with 1,000 empty homes?"

Housing used for short-term rentals, such as Airbnb, will be subject to the city's new empty homes tax. Basement suites and laneway houses will be exempt, as will a property occupied by family or friends of the property owner. Other exemptions: if the property is being renovated and can't be lived in; if the owner or tenant is in hospital; if a condominium's strata council prohibits rentals; and if the property had a change in ownership.

If there is an improvement in Vancouver's rental vacancy rate in the future, the city might stop collecting the empty homes tax.

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CRIME

Police make arrests in double homicide

Three men have been arrested and a kidnap victim has been rescued in connection to a double homicide in Vancouver.

Vancouver police announced Tuesday that three men, all in their 20s, were arrested and will likely face charges in connection to the homicides of Xuan Vanvy Bacao, 24, and Samantha Le, 29, over the weekend.

The victims' bodies were found in a home on Dieppe Place in east Vancouver after police were called to the scene just before 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Police also found a four-year-old child in the home, who was unharmed during the incident but was hiding from the violence.

Investigators soon learned that another man had also been kidnapped from the home during the incident.

On Monday afternoon, a number of Lower Mainland police agencies rescued the kidnap victim and took several suspects into custody.

Charges against the suspects have not yet been approved, and they remain in custody.

As police apprehended the suspects, two people unrelated to the case were inadvertently injured, Acting Sgt. Brian Montague said.

A woman was hurt when her car was hit by another vehicle and a man was bitten by a police dog, Montague said, adding that the injured were a result of the fast-paced, uncertain situation.

"We're dealing with a situation that's unfolding very quickly," he said. "We had an opportunity to rescue the kidnap victim. Unfortunately, sometimes we can't wait. Our goal, obviously, was to rescue that kidnap victim without having a third homicide on our hands."

The investigation continues, and police say they're searching for more suspects.

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Students outside Emily Carr University on Granville Island in Vancouver. JENN GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Input in island future wanted

DEVELOPMENT

Public consultations open online for Granville plan

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouverites can now have their say on the "bold course" the federal government is setting for Granville Island.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) officially launched the public consultation phase of its Granville Island 2040 planning process this week.

Lisa Ono, manager of programming at CMHC Granville Island, told Metro that the community treasure is primed for potentially its biggest change in 40 years when Emily Carr University vacates approximately 200,000 square feet of space on the island for its new campus on Great Northern Way late next year.

Granville Island 2040 was launched to make recommendations on the redevelopment of the Emily Carr buildings, revitalize the public market and to establish a 25-year plan for the future of the entire peninsula.

Public feedback is now being accepted online, at www.granvilleisland2040.ca, and in person at the island throughout October, starting with a Big Ideas Fair from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 1 with the land use and planning consultants responsible for the plan.

Ono said public consultations are fairly open-ended — people are simply being asked what they'd like to see on Granville Island next — and said all options remain on the table.

"It's too soon to say (what the plan will contain)," she said. "The direction we're hearing from the public right now seems to be to build on the success. We want to preserve what makes Granville Island special."

Ono said CMHC wants to keep the public market as the island's anchor and continue to support its artistic and cultural significance.

She expects one of the big talking points to be reducing the amount of vehicle traffic on the island and creating new transportation alternatives for the area.

CMHC expects to release a "Draft Directions" plan to the public in early December for review before presenting a final plan in early 2017.

Information about the plan, including public consultation and a list of workshops open to the public, can be found at granvilleisland2040.ca.

IN BRIEF

Politicians pitch B.C., Washington co-operation
The leaders of B.C. and Washington state are touting the benefits of strengthening cross-border collaboration, including a possible cure for cancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Equipment to help cut avalanche delays
Work has begun on the installation of new equipment to better manage the avalanche risk on the TransCanada highway west of Revelstoke. Transportation Minister Todd Stone says crews will be installing equipment above Three Valley Gap, allowing the remote activation of an explosive charge.
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DUKE AND DUCHESS

Government House polishes silver for royal visit

The silverware is being polished, the menu crafted, children's toys are being chosen and even the fridge is being stocked with locally brewed beers.

Government House in Victoria is getting careful attention in preparation for Saturday's arrival of royal guests.

"In many respects it's like preparing for some very special house guests in your own personal home and wanting to basically do your very best to make them feel comfortable," said Thandi Williams, Government House operations director.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and their young children, Prince George and Princess Charlotte, will spend eight days touring British Columbia and Yukon, and the official residence of the lieutenant-governor will be their home base.

The stately mansion, with its sprawling treed grounds and public gardens, has been in full house-cleaning mode in recent days, with employees like Karen Dale and Odessa Corletto ensuring their polishing efforts will make the silverware gleam.

"I'm very excited about the visit," said Williams. "There's lots to be done, but it's all in the preparations for a very, very special time here for us at the house, for the province."

She said the preparations include making plans to entertain the young prince and princess while their parents undertake official duties in Vancouver, Bella Bella, Whitehorse, Carcross, Kelowna and Haida Gwaii.

"Privacy is the biggest thing," she said. "We want to make sure they can feel at home when they're here."

The residence's executive chef Aleks Kornat said he's sourcing local ingredients and recipes to prepare for what he said will be a B.C.-based menu for the royals.

"The menus look great and they are specific to our region," he said. "We'll be excited to provide the meals for the family."

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ANIMALS HAVING A RUFF DAY? This bull terrier was one of 15 therapy dogs at UBC Tuesday, brought in to help students de-stress. Therapy dog visits can help alleviate stress and improve people's health, according to studies. UBC Psychology and the UBC Alma Mater Society partnered with the non-profit, Vancouver ecoVillage to bring the specially trained dogs to campus. COURTESY UBC

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Foreign buyers seek class action

REAL ESTATE

Plaintiffs hope to halt B.C.'s 15% levy on foreign buyers

Foreign home buyers forced to pay a new levy imposed by the British Columbia government are fighting for their money back and to have the fee declared invalid through a proposed class-action lawsuit.

Lawyer Luciana Brasil said the notice of civil claim alleges the provincial government acted outside its jurisdiction when the Property Transfer Tax Act was amended in July, targeting the nationality of home buyers across Metro Vancouver.

The legislation that took effect Aug. 2 forces foreign home buyers to pay an additional 15 per cent tax.

"The primary idea here is that the B.C. government identified what they thought was a concern and then in acting to rectify that they essentially chose the wrong way to go about it," Brasil said.

The revised legislation violates over 30 international treaties where Canada has committed to treat foreign nationals just as favourably as citizens of this country, she said.

The lawsuit filed Monday in B.C. Supreme Court alleges the government "has been unjustly enriched" by receiving the tax which is "inoperative, inapplicable" and beyond the jurisdiction of the province.

If the class-action lawsuit is approved by the court, Brasil said it seeks to overturn the legislation and demands repayment of any tax added to the purchase price of a home because of the buyer's nationality.

"The legislature of British Columbia cannot enact legislation that is properly within the constitutional authority of the Government of Canada," says the statement of claim.

> **"The legislature of British Columbia cannot enact legislation that is properly within the constitutional authority of the Government of Canada."**
> Statement of claim

The lead plaintiff is Chinese student Jing Li, 29, who Brasil said has been studying in Canada since 2013 but wasn't a permanent resident by Aug. 2, when the new tax impeded her purchase of a Langley, B.C., home. The lawsuit says Li entered a contract to purchase the new home for $587,895 including GST, on July 13 and paid a non-refundable deposit of $55,990 on July 20.

China is among the thirty countries the lawsuit listed in having international treaties violated by the provincial tax.

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Child poverty worsens over housing

PANEL

Rising prices, income gap putting kids at risk: Expert

David P. Ball
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For B.C.'s estimated one-in-five kids who fall below the poverty line, inadequate housing is a top source of stress and insecurity that has long-term effects.

But with Lower Mainland housing costs climbing and several of the province's cities ranked "severely unaffordable," the shortage of affordable housing could worsen everything from children's grades to their physical health and self-esteem, according to panellists at a Vancouver event Tuesday.

"Poverty is bad for kids," Adrienne Montani, co-ordinator of the First Call BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, told Metro in a phone interview. "It challenges their educational attainment, their nutrition and their physical and mental health.

"In single parent families, kids have a 50 per cent poverty rate," Montani explained. "Most, though not all, are single mothers, so there's a whole gender issue around wages and access to child care so they can work … It's crushing families."

The current housing crisis in the Lower Mainland is making the existing barriers for low-income children worse, she argued. Not only is there a shortage of rental suites large enough to adequately house families with children, but skyrocketing prices have seen rising rates of renovictions, a 20 per cent spike in rents this year, and short supply.

Where Ends Don't Meet: A Panel on B.C's School Cuts, Housing Shortfalls, and Family Poverty took place at 7 p.m. at the Djavad Mowafaghian World Art Centre (149 West Hastings St.).

For more information on the festival, visit onecommunityfestival.ca.

Amy Young cuddles her 15-month-old son Striker in 2012. ANDREW VAUGHAN/ THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Dozens of animals seized from shelter

Jeff Hodson
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The B.C. SPCA has seized 88 animals from a property in Langley.

The animals, which included 45 dogs, 18 cats and 24 farm animals (sheep, goats, and one pot-bellied pig), were seized Monday after they were found in distress and requiring immediate care, according to a release Tuesday morning from the B.C. SPCA.

"These animals needed immediate help," said Marcie Moriarty, chief prevention and enforcement officer for the B.C. SPCA. "Part of being a responsible rescue group is to take in the number of animals you can adequately care for."

The rescue group alluded to in the press release was not named by the B.C. SPCA, but various media reported that the same rescue shelter was previously raided by the SPCA in 2012.

"If an individual or a group becomes overwhelmed the B.C. SPCA is always here to help. But it is not acceptable to take in animals and allow them to continue suffering without proper nutrition, housing or veterinary care."

The B.C. SPCA said they were acting on a complaint and searched the property with a warrant alongside a community veterinarian.

The animals were seized because of emaciation, malnourishment, tooth disease and other medical issues. Three dead animals were also found on the property.

The 45 dogs and 18 cats are being treated at the Vancouver SPCA shelter and the farm animals: goats, sheep, hens, roosters, duck, doves, pigeons and a pot-bellied pig are being sheltered at the Surrey branch's Good Shepherd Barn.

One of 45 dogs seized by the B.C. SPCA from an animal rescue shelter in Langley. COURTESY B.C. SPCA

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Baby otter arrives at aquarium

RESCUE

Rialto landed in Vancouver from Seattle Monday night

Wanyee Li
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Visitors to the Vancouver Aquarium will soon have the opportunity to meet Rialto, a two-month-old sea otter pup who arrived at the facility Monday night.

Rialto was in rough shape when the pup was found stranded on the Washington beach it was named after on Aug. 1. Staff at Seattle Aquarium stabilized the pup for several weeks in preparation for its trip up north.

The public can't visit Rialto at the Vancouver aquarium yet but they can see him via a live feed at the aquarium's website. COURTESY VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

"He was emaciated, (in) very, very, poor body condition, obviously he hadn't fed for some time. These guys need to feed a lot because they have a very high metabolic rate. That is particularly true when they are pups," said Martin Haulena, Vancouver Aquarium's head veterinarian.

When Rialto was strong enough to travel, Haulena and staff drove down to Seattle to pick it up.

"What we have here today is a pup that came over with a very uneventful, routine transfer last night from Seattle Aquarium to us and a very happy pup today," he told reporters, Tuesday.

Vancouver Aquarium will be Rialto's forever home. Sea otters pups are deemed "unreleasable" as soon as they are found stranded, explained Haulena.

Rialto will eventually join the aquarium's three other rescued sea otters where visitors can see them, but not until he is ready, said the aquarium's marine mammal curator, Brian Sheehan.

"It's all up to Rialto, we are looking to him to give us the messages as to when to go ahead ... it's up to him when he will be introduced to the other sea otters."

> **It's up to him when he will be introduced to the other sea otters.**
> Brian Sheehan

The two-month pup would be introduced to one sea otter at a time in the coming weeks.

"Our older female, Tanu, is probably the most likely candidate to meet Rialto first. She's got some nice mothering instincts," said Sheehan.

"We're looking for some really positive interaction between those two in preparation for him meeting our youngest female, Katmal, who tends to be very rambunctious, playful and tends to be a little mischievous."

Rialto has already gained some weight since arriving in Vancouver Monday and is currently on a diet of puppy formula, clams, and shrimp, according to Sheehan.

Sea otters are the most expensive animal to care for at the aquarium, with each otter costing as much as $35,000 annually, a spokesperson told Metro.

The pup was taking a nap after one of many grooming sessions when staff let reporters visit the nursery Tuesday.

Sea otters are always a fan favourite, said Haulena.

"He is of course a very interactive, very fun animal and I think its going to be our pleasure to show people who he is and what he is, and give people a bit of an opportunity to learn about sea otters."

People can watch Rialto on the live 'baby otter cam' on Vancouver Aquarium's website.

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CITIZENSHIP

Passport deadline extended

In the wake of a public outcry, Ottawa has extended the grace period of its new travel requirement for Canadian dual citizens.

The federal government was to demand all air travellers who are citizens of Canada and another country be required to carry a Canadian passport as of Sept. 30.

However, many travellers complained they were blindsided by the new measures and would not be able to acquire a Canadian passport in time for their immediate travels.

On Tuesday, Immigration Minister John McCallum announced the implementation date would be postponed until Nov. 10.

"In consultation with airline partners, we're taking further steps to minimize any travel disruption," said McCallum. "We're extending the leniency period and doing another major information blitz in Canada and abroad to encourage affected travellers to plan ahead and get the necessary travel documents before they book a flight to Canada." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

More glitches for Phoenix system

After months of problems, the federal government's Phoenix pay system experienced an outage Tuesday that prevented employees from logging in.

Public Service and Procurement Canada spokeswoman Anne Trépannier said the system was down for around four hours. Trépannier noted the issue was not with Phoenix, but the servers that provide access to Phoenix.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO IN OTTAWA

What is the alternative? To exploit anxiety? To turn it into fear and blame? To reject others because they look, or speak, or pray differently than we do?
Prime Minister
Justin Trudeau

PM Justin Trudeau delivers a speech at the General Debate of the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau's first UN speech rejects politics of 'anxiety'

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

World leaders take aim at Trumpism, call for unity

Justin Trudeau's first speech to the United Nations General Assembly included some less-than-subtle references to the politics practised by people like Donald Trump, in a year where populist nationalism has made gains in different countries.

The prime minister never mentioned any names, yet warned three times in his speech about politicians who exploit anxiety for personal gain. Politicians have a choice to make, Trudeau said: Stoke public angst because it works for them politically, or try alleviating it with policies that improve people's lives.

He cast his government's spending-heavy program as the latter — with an infrastructure plan that he's convinced will create middle-class jobs.

"What is the alternative?" Trudeau asked. "To exploit anxiety? To turn it into fear and blame? To reject others because they look, or speak, or pray differently than we do?"

His message was similar to that of Barack Obama. Before Trudeau delivered his first UN address, the U.S. president gave his last. Obama defended globalization; derided walls between nations; and encouraged policies that allow working people to experience the benefits of the global economy.

Trudeau and Obama didn't discuss their speeches beforehand. One official said any similarities simply stemmed from coincidence and a shared worldview.

That level of agreement was illustrated later in the day during a discussion on refugees, where Obama saluted Trudeau: "I want to personally thank Chancellor Merkel and Prime Minister Trudeau and the people of both those countries … it's the right thing to do." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trudeau has been in New York this week to address the UN, where much of the buzz has been about Canada's intake of Syrian refugees. Here are some things to know about the system:

- **1946-1962:** Canada admitted nearly a quarter of a million refugees who were privately sponsored.
- **1976:** Canada tabled a new Immigration Act in 1976 which, for the first time, recognized refugees as a special class of immigrants. It entrenched the definition of a convention refugee, created a refugee determination system, provided for admission on humanitarian grounds of designated classes of people and enabled the private sponsorship of refugees.
- **2015**: The Syrian civil war had produced a surge of millions of refugees and their plight became a Canadian election issue. The Trudeau Liberals pledged to bring in 25,000 by the end of the year. They fell short of that goal, but made it up in 2016.

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World leaders have 'blood on their hands'

Taking the world stage for the last time as secretary general, Ban Ki-moon unleashed years of pent-up anger at leaders who keep "feeding the war machine" in Syria, violate human rights and prevent aid deliveries to starving people. The UN chief told presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and ministers at the opening of General Assembly's meeting that "powerful patrons" on both sides in the more than five-year Syrian conflict "have blood on their hands." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon railed Tuesday against leaders who keep "feeding the war machine" in Syria as he bowed out of the world stage, while President Barack Obama said there was no military solution to the five-year conflict and described a globe in the throes of a contest between authoritarianism and democracy.

Both Ban and Obama were making their final speeches at the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations. They did so against a backdrop of mounting bloodshed and a failing cease-fire in Syria, escalating attacks around the world by Islamic extremists, and millions of people fleeing fighting and poverty.

The UN chief, whose 10-year period at the helm of the unwieldy world body ends Dec. 31, vented his pent-up frustration with uncharacteristic candour, telling the opening of the General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting that "powerful patrons" on both sides in the Syrian conflict — which he did not identify — "have blood on their hands."

"Present in this hall today are representatives of governments that have ignored, facilitated, funded, participated in or even planned and carried out atrocities inflicted by all sides of the Syria conflict against Syrian civilians," he said.

But Ban blamed the Syrian government for the most deaths. He said it was continuing to drop barrel bombs on neighbourhoods and torture thousands of detainees. Syria's Foreign Ministry condemned Ban's address and contended that the UN had failed to resolve any conflicts on his watch.

Ban spoke as the U.S., Russia and more than a dozen other countries attempted to resurrect a week-old truce, and Washington and Moscow argued over who was responsible for an attack Monday on an aid convoy that killed some 20 civilians that the UN chief denounced as a "sickening, savage and apparently deliberate attack."

The Syrian conflict has killed as many as half-million people, contributed to Europe's worst refugee crisis since World War II and allowed Daesh to emerge as a global threat.

Ban also criticized authoritarian and undemocratic tendencies among world leaders bent on clinging to power.

But he also noted positive global developments during his decade as the UN chief. He cited the rise of "people power" with mobile phones that now blanket the world, reductions in poverty, political transitions in Myanmar and Sri Lanka, and the ceasefire agreement in Colombia.

Countries, companies pledge aid

World leaders gathered at the UN pledged Tuesday to take in 360,000 refugees next year, U.S. President Barack Obama said, roughly doubling the previous year's allowance.

The United States said 52 countries taking part in a U.S.-led summit were stepping up to accelerate resettlement and boost financial support for refugees.

Private companies were stepping up, too. The White House said more than four-dozen U.S. businesses had pledged $650 million, including Facebook, Twitter, MasterCard and Johnson & Johnson.

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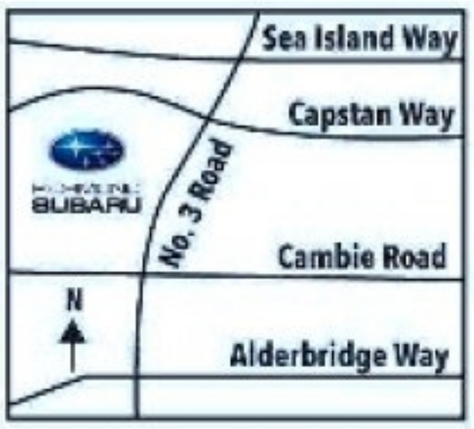

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Riot follows police shooting in North Carolina

Police in North Carolina killed a man carrying a gun Tuesday afternoon in Charlotte, officials said. Protesters were heard yelling "Black lives matter." The local police department said some demonstrators were destroying marked police vehicles and one officer sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

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U.S. CAMPAIGN

Trump Jr.'s tweet not so sweet

Donald Trump Jr. has posted a message on Twitter likening Syrian refugees to a bowl of poisoned Skittles.

Seeking to promote his father's presidential campaign, the younger Trump posted a tweet featuring a bowl of the candy Skittles with a warning.

"If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you, would you take a handful?" said the tweet on the verified @DonaldTrumpJr handle. "That's our Syrian refugee problem."

Trump Jr.'s tweet said, "This image says it all. Let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first."

His father has advocated sharply restraining immigration and has accused Hillary Clinton of advocating acceptance of tens of thousands of refugees.

Skittles' parent company, Wrigley Americas, distanced itself from the tweet with a terse response.

"Skittles are candy. Refugees are people. We don't feel it's an appropriate analogy," said vice-president of corporate affairs Denise Young. "We will respectfully refrain from further commentary as anything we say could be misinterpreted as marketing."

Trump Jr. has been generating some controversy lately. Last week, he made what some took as a Holocaust-themed joke in an interview with a Philadelphia radio station, referring to "warming up the gas chamber."

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New York bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami.

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'Bombs will be heard': Suspect

NEW YORK CITY

Terrorism charges filed against Ahmad Khan Rahami

Ahmad Khan Rahami vowed to martyr himself rather than be caught after setting off explosives in New York and New Jersey, and he'd hoped in a handwritten journal championing jihad that "the sounds of bombs will be heard in the streets," authorities said Tuesday as they filed federal terrorism charges against him.

Criminal complaints in Manhattan and New Jersey federal courts provided chilling descriptions of the motivations that authorities said drove the Afghan-born U.S. citizen to set off explosives in New York and New Jersey, including a bomb that injured more than two dozen people when it blew up on a busy Manhattan street.

Meanwhile, more details emerged Tuesday about Rahami's past, including the disclosure that the FBI had looked into him in 2014 but came up with nothing.

According to the court complaints, Rahami's journal included a passage that said: "You (USA Government) continue your (unintelligible) slaught(er)" against the mujahideen, or holy warriors, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

"Death to your oppression," the journal ended.

One portion expressed concern at the prospect of being caught before being able to carry out a suicide attack and the desire to be a martyr, the complaints said. Still another section included a reference to "pipe bombs" and a "pressure cooker bomb" and declared: "In the streets they plan to run a mile," an apparent reference to one of the blast sites, a charity run in a New Jersey shore town.

There also were laudatory references to Osama bin Laden, Anwar al-Awlaki — the American-born Muslim cleric who was killed in a 2011 drone strike and whose preaching has inspired other acts of violence — and Nidal Hasan, the former Army officer who went on a deadly shooting rampage in 2009 at Fort Hood, Texas, the complaints said.

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RAHAMI

Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, a U.S. citizen born in Afghanistan, remained hospitalized Tuesday after surgery for a gunshot wound to his leg.

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EMMA TEITEL ON SOCIAL BRANDING

Personal brands are no longer solely the business of celebrities or real estate agents. They are the business of us all — especially who are looking for a job.

A few days ago I was in the process of posting a dorky family photo to my wife Ella's Instagram account when she stopped me dead in my cyber-tracks.

"Don't post that," she said. "It's off brand."

"Off brand," I asked? "What brand?"

"My personal brand," she said.

We have been together almost a decade but for some reason I had no idea that all this time, she was curating a "personal brand" on social media.

"I call it art-cute," she told me. (Not to be confused with art-brut, French for "Outsider Art").

What does this mean? In her own words: "Artsy photographs with a lot of emoticons in the captions."

I asked Ella if I had a personal brand and she said that beyond my column-writing persona (young-ish, gay Canadian), my social media presence needed serious work. "It's just random photos of friends and strangers' dogs," she said. "There's no discernible theme."

I don't care, I told her.

But it turns out, I should.

Unfortunately, Ella is onto something. Personal brands are no longer solely the business of celebrities or real estate agents; they are the business of us all. And I'm not just referring to people in the media or public relations professions, but to anyone at any age and in any industry — especially if he or she is looking for a job.

It's no mystery that employers often investigate the social media presence of job candidates, but this practice has become so routine in recent years that for some bosses, it demands the special care of a professional service.

BRAND K Kim Kardashian definitely knows what her social media presence is all about. Do you? Does your employer? INSTAGRAM

Enter The Social Index, an Australian startup that helps employers determine a job candidate's social media persona and influence. The company, which launched this year and plans to expand to the U.K. soon, scours the public Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn profiles of a job candidate and produces a report — or in the company's own words, a "core analysis" — summarizing the person's online presence.

According to managing director Fiona McLean, the company's "core analyses" show employers how job candidates "represent" themselves online, and ensure "that appropriate online behaviours are evident." Of course, if those "appropriate behaviours" aren't evident, it lets them know that too.

But the company's role goes beyond flagging offensive or illegal content. It also tracks how influential a job candidate is: how many followers they have and how many people their posts reach.

McLean says The Social Index obtains job candidates' consent when it conducts its investigations. But the service does pose a lot of thorny ethical questions. Such as: if a job seeker makes political statements on Facebook or Twitter that don't align with their potential employer's views, can The Social Index relay this information to the employer?

McLean says no — that The Social Index only relays "relevant" professional information to employers and as a result, reduces bias. But "relevant information" might mean many different things to many different people.

For example: "Bob Smith Tweeted 3,600 times yesterday," might be music to some bosses' ears but it's also likely to be misery to others'.

What's troubling Is the likelihood that these services will slowly erode the fun of social media

In the end, what's troubling about The Social Index, and similar social media investigative startups that are likely to launch in years to come, isn't that they are invading our privacy.

On the contrary, the content that the Social Index accesses is 100 per cent public.

What's troubling, rather, is the likelihood that these services will slowly erode the fun of social media itself. Having a distinct personality or a weird, albeit totally inoffensive presence on Instagram (like for example, Ella's "art-cute") is as of now, not a bad thing.

You can be a lawyer who tweets about baseball, an IT specialist who hates Justin Trudeau, or a columnist who loves Kernel's Popcorn. Sure, your boss may check in every once in a while to see what you're up to but unless you're a teacher or a political operative, as long as you're not espousing hate or breaking the law, you're probably okay.

But in the future of the The Social Index, a future where employers hire agencies to write detailed reports about job candidates' online activity, you'd be foolish not to mould your personal brand into something bland, mainstream and easily palatable. And you'd be hesitant, I suspect, to post anything interesting or offbeat at all.

The irony in this is that while companies like the Social Index exist to encourage transparency and reveal truths about the job candidates they are investigating, they are likely to achieve exactly the opposite: that is, a working world in which employers know less about the people they are hiring than ever before.

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Grits taking losses where they expected wins

Paul Wells

Everyone suspected the return of Parliament would provide a bumpy ride for a Liberal government still enjoying sustained popularity nearly a year after the election.

The surprise is that the turbulence has set in so quickly.

Let's look at two strengths the Trudeau Liberals thought they had, and one weakness they knew would plague them. All have conspired to make the first half of their week lousy.

First, the weakness. "Entitlement is our kryptonite," a senior Liberal told me eight months before last year's federal election. Liberals know Canadians grow weary of them when they act as though they have always been in power, will always be in power, and are frankly impatient with the short interludes when Canadians elect someone else.

So it must have stung when Global News reported on Tuesday that a single unidentified staffer in the Prime Minister's Office billed taxpayers $126,669.56 in moving costs to relocate to Ottawa. A second charged $80,382.55.

That's a lot of kryptonite.

It's one thing when Liberals get criticized for spending money. To some extent, every government faces the same steady stream of flak from the opposition benches, and there is no way the Liberals can positively gain voter support through ostentatious displays of frugality. It's quite another matter when the Liberals take criticism, some of it richly earned, on issues they thought would be winners for them. The week's most spectacular example is climate change.

To some extent, what's happened is that Catherine McKenna, the rookie environment minister, has been slow to learn the cost of over-promising. When she got her job last autumn, she was eager to proclaim that the carbon-reduction targets set by the Conservatives were a minimum.

She has since realized that this government will be lucky to come anywhere close to meeting Harper's targets. The belated backtracking began over the weekend. The hard work lies ahead. The damage on the Liberals' environmental left could be long-lasting. Green Party leader Elizabeth May called McKenna's backtracking "nothing short of a disaster for the climate."

The second area where considerable effort from Trudeau seems to be paying exceedingly modest dividends is on his much-vaunted reconciliation with indigenous groups. Ottawa has started issuing construction permits for BC Hydro's Site C dam, over the objection of First Nations that have taken the government to court over the project. Charlie Angus, an NDP MP who's been quick to praise the Liberals on indigenous issues when he thought they deserved it, called the move a failed test for the Trudeau government.

Trudeau has been used to getting some of his most glowing coverage from news sources outside Canada. But in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper, an article appeared that called his "lofty rhetoric" on First Nations a "simulation of justice."

The best remedy for all these ills is progress on these and other files. Promising was easy, consulting not much harder. Now comes deciding.

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Cracking the Colonel's code

FAST FOOD

Finger-lickin' quest to get to the bottom of a greasy mystery

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Torstar News Service

The 11 herbs and spices KFC uses in its fried chicken remain something of a deep-fried secret. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/SUPPLIED

Area 51, The Lost City of Atlantis, Jack the Ripper, Stonehenge. All of these pale in comparison to the greatest mystery known to mankind: how to make KFC's chicken.

Sure, KFC isn't really the gold standard of fried chicken (an informal poll in the newsroom showed that Popeyes, Church's and Chick-N-Joy are the chain favourites) but the allure of the secret 11 herbs and spices that make up Colonel Sander's original recipe still remains since he started cooking for weary travellers at a Kentucky service station in 1930.

A recent alleged leak of the fried chicken recipe to the Chicago Tribune is the latest recipe claiming to be the real thing (or at least closest to the real thing).

American cookbook author Todd Wilbur made a career replicating fast food recipes and published his first book, Top Secret Recipes, in 1993, which contains his version of KFC's original recipe fried chicken. In 2009, another fast food sleuth Ron Douglas published America's Most Wanted Recipes with another version of the chicken.

In a book, Colonel Sanders and the American Dream, late food writer Josh Ozersky wrote that Sanders commissioned Indiana-based spice company Marion-Kay to recreate his spice blend. The spice blend is still sold today under the name, though its exact ingredients aren't listed.

It's time to get to the bottom of this. I tested the recipe published in The Chicago Tribune, along with Wilbur and Douglas' recipe, with some adaptations.

Shortly after posting a picture of my recipe testing on Instagram, a social media rep for KFC Canada left a comment regarding the recent alleged recipe leak.

"Many people have made these claims over the years and no one has been accurate — this one isn't either," they wrote.

"Our chicken is hand breaded and freshly prepared in restaurants all day every day, so they had that part right!"

The goal here isn't to make the best fried chicken, but to make KFC's chicken. However, there is one step missing from most of these copycat recipes: pressure frying.

The Colonel popularized using a modified pressure cooker to prepare chicken faster while keeping the skin crispy and the meat moist. KFC still does it today.

That being said, it's not recommended to use an at-home pressure cooker to deep fry as the machines aren't designed to hold a lot of oil under pressure. With that in mind, I deep-fried the chicken.

After two days of experimenting and dozens of consumed drumsticks, an unscientific test by fried chicken fans picked the Todd Wilbur version as the closest to KFC.

Right is the test and tasting notes from other recipes.

1 KFC original recipe, as published in The Chicago Tribune

"Muted" is how our restaurant critic Amy Pataki described the taste. Other coworkers called it "bland" and "meh." The meat was juicy and the skin was crisp, but it was missing that salty, peppery kick as well as the golden wrinkly skin for which KFC is known. We also did a double-bread version in an attempt to up the saltiness, but it just made a comically large drumstick straight out of The Flintstones. Despite the amount of spice — three tablespoons of white pepper and a quarter cup (!) of paprika — it still tasted kind of blah, probably because the breading has two cups of flour, which may have drowned out the seasoning.

2 Ron Douglas' KFC Original Recipe Fried Chicken

Originally published in 2009's America's Most Wanted Recipes, Douglas' recipe for his version of KFC calls for a pressure fryer, which few people have at home so I deep fried it instead. The result doesn't really taste like KFC, and is somewhere between the recipe published in the Chicago Tribune and Wilbur's version. It's good, but missing the spicy, salty kick. Visually, it also came out darker than KFC's chicken.

3 Todd Wilbur's KFC Original Recipe, Baking Powder Variation

I made this recipe three times with various adaptations. The recipe tastes the closest to the original KFC recipe even though it was deep-fried not pressure-fried. Salty, juicy, a hint of that herbal spice, the flavours are pretty close. The biggest difference is the texture: KFC's skin is softer while this version is much crispier and more delicate. Most taste testers said this is the closest to KFC. Some liked it better. Wilbur's recipe calls for tellicherry pepper, a finer type of black pepper known for its fruity notes, from the Malabar region of India. I doubt the Colonel was using this. If you want that iconic salty, spicy umami bomb go to the Colonel. If you want a crispier version with a fresher herbal taste, make this at home.

ALL IN THE OIL

Fried chicken tips:

- **Essential gear:** An oil/candy thermometer is an absolute must. They're relatively inexpensive and can be picked up at any kitchen store for about $15. They are also handy for melting sugar and making holiday confections.
- **What to do with the oil:** Frying oil can be reused multiple times. Let it cool down completely and strain out any leftover fried bits. Store in an airtight container away from heat or light. Never pour oil down the sink as it'll clog your pipes. Small amounts can be tossed in the Green Bins as they'll be absorbed by organic matter. Oil can also be poured into a sealed container and tossed into the trash.

Mr. and Mrs. split

ANALYSIS

By the Sea was art imitating life argues film critic

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

Just last year Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie played a couple at odds in By the Sea. CONTRIBUTED

News of the impending divorce of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may come as a shock for the suddenness of the announcement.

But it's hardly a surprise. Hollywood's most famous celebrity couple, together since 2004 but only married since August 2014, dropped giant hints about their troubled union in By the Sea, the movie released in 2015 that they made on their honeymoon.

Written and directed by Jolie, who also stars in it opposite Pitt, it's a film I called "a marital drama that may also double as cinematic confession" in my review last November.

Jolie insisted the film wasn't autobiographical, but that seemed disingenuous at the time, now doubly so in light of Tuesday's revelation of the "Brangelina" split.

To me it was as plain as the screen in front of your face that Pitt and Jolie were attempting to use their art to work out their personal issues.

Pitt plays Roland, a writer whose pen and sense of romance have both cooled. Jolie is Vanessa, who seems almost catatonic in her disaffection towards life and love. They barely speak to each other, and she won't even help him light his cigarette in the car scene that opens the movie. (Such a change from the bantering Mr. & Mrs. Smith, the 2005 comedy thriller where Pitt and Jolie also play a fractious married couple.) Roland and Vanessa have been together 14 years, a little longer than Pitt and Jolie were. They've travelled to a seaside hotel in France (the film was actually shot on the Maltese island of Gozo) to see if they can relight the flames of amour and artistic inspiration.

Discovering a peephole in their wall, they get distracted spying on the athletic sexcapades of a young married couple, played by Mélanie Laurent and Melvil Poupaud, in the room next door. Roland and Vanessa watch with a mixture of guilt, regret and jealousy.

Most critics weren't kind to By the Sea, dismissing it as a vanity project. It registered just 34 per cent on the Rotten Tomatoes meter.

I saw value in the film — I rated it "good" at 2.5 stars out of 4 — and appreciated how Jolie and Pitt were sincerely trying to work things out in a place where they obviously feel so much at home: in front of a camera.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Lucifer is in need of a good writer and editor

THE SHOW: Lucifer, Season 2, Episode 1 (CTV)
THE MOMENT: The sing-along

Lucifer. CONTRIBUTED

Near the end of this episode, Lucifer Morningstar (Tom Ellis) — yes, that Lucifer, escaped from Hell and running a nightclub in Los Angeles (!) — drives his car through the L.A. night. Music swells: a piano-bar version of Jimi Hendrix's All Along the Watchtower. Good god, is that Tom Jones singing? (Kids, ask your moms.)

The moody montage unfurls: Chloe Decker (Lauren German), the cop whom Lucifer assists, ponders a vial of Lucifer's blood. (He wants her to test it, to prove he's an angel.) Amenadiel (D.B. Woodside), an angel who wants Lucifer back in hell, sits on a mountaintop, pondering the lessening of his powers. Maze (Lesley-Ann Brandt), a demon who's trying to fit in on Earth, meets a woman at a nightclub.

Then we're in Lucifer's swanky pad, he's at his piano — lordy, he's the one who's singing! He's really belting it out! Suddenly it's a music video, all key lights and camera angles as he finishes the song.

This show is nuts. First of all, Lucifer has a last name? And it's "Morningstar?" Second, Hendrix??? Third, this 42-minute episode has about 10 storylines. Confession: I missed season one. But this episode is 42 minutes of HUH???

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The Dodge Durango is based on a platform released in 2011. Needless to say, the Durango is getting long in the tooth, with a redesigned model expected to land in 2018. But how does the current model stand up against the modern competition?

The large overhaul that is due for this SUV will no doubt bring some benefits, but we can't help but feel like the Durango is already a great package.

First off, it can haul your entire family and all their stuff. Not only is there plenty of space for rear-seat passengers to stretch their legs, but access to those rear seats is also quite generous, making the climb into the back less cumbersome.

Driving the Durango really accentuates its big, soft attitude. Unlike what GM did with its full-size SUVs in trying to make them handle tighter, the Durango floats and rolls down the road, offering a pillow soft ride inside. Taking hard corners is certainly not confidence inspiring, but then again, a vehicle like this doesn't need to stay dinner plate flat through the twisties. What it needs to do is deliver top-notch comfort, and the Durango is spot on.

If inspiring driving dynamics are really your thing, you might want to look elsewhere for an SUV, especially considering how many great handling SUVs are out there these days. If big, boring and comfy is more your speed, the Durango is what you're looking for, though its style doesn't say "boring."

A fascia that says "I'm pissed off" keeps the Durango looking like a mean machine, especially when outfitted with the Blacktop package like our tester was.

While the top-trim Durango Citadel sports a proper luxury interior, our SXT base model still offers all the things that count. The seats in the Durango are nice and plush, while the dash and centre stack are a black plastic affair. While it may not win any style awards, the simplicity of the interior makes it easy to operate every function.

In Canada, a base model Durango SXT starts at $43,395, while the model we tested rings in at $46,435. Compared to the Ford Explorer, that's almost $10,000 over its base price of just over $33,000. The Pathfinder also starts right around $34,000, proving to be a lot less expensive than the big Dodge SUV.

The V6-powered Durango is reminiscent of the first generation of SUVs that were all about being big and comfy. Along with a fairly efficient V6 and a nicely set up interior, this big brute proves that it is still a relevant product in a sea of updated SUVs and crossovers.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 DODGE DURANGO SXT

THE BASICS

Engine: 3.6-litre V6
Power: 295 horsepower and 290 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Eight-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 13.9 city, 9.8 highway
Pricing: Starts at $43,395. As tested $46,435

LOVE IT
- Comfortable ride
- Well-executed interior
- Rear seat space

LEAVE IT
- Heavy and aloof through corners
- Canadian pricing

ENVIRONMENT

GM to use all renewable energy by 2050

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GM is going green in a big way, committing to using 100 percent renewable energy by 2050.

The automaker has pledged to source global electricity from wind, sun and landfill gas so that its 350 operations in 59 countries will run on 100 per cent renewable energy. GM also announced that it is joining RE100, a global collaborative initiative of businesses committed to 100 per cent renewable electricity.

> **Establishing a 100 per cent renewable energy goal helps us better serve society by reducing environmental impact.**
> GM chairman and CEO Mary Barra

The company revealed that last year it used nine terawatt hours of electricity to build its vehicles and power its offices, technical centres and warehouses around the world. In order to meet its renewable energy goal, it will continue to improve the energy efficiency of its operations while it transitions to clean sources for its power needs.

In the short term, GM is focusing on its previous goal of using 125 megawatts of renewable energy by 2020. It expects to exceed that figure when two new wind projects come online later this year that will help power manufacturing operations.

In China, GM is in the process of adding 30 megawatts of solar arrays to two facilities, with the Jinqiao Cadillac assembly plant in Shanghai featuring 10 megawatts of rooftop solar and 20 megawatts of solar carports.

"This pursuit of renewable energy benefits our customers and communities through cleaner air while strengthening our business through lower and more stable energy costs," said GM chairman and CEO Mary Barra.

GM promises that its 350 operations in 59 countries will all be operated by renewable energy by 2050. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What it's like to be in a self-driving car

A self driving Uber Ford Fusion drives down River Road on Pittsburgh's Northside. They're just like any other Ford Fusion Hybrid you've seen before, but fitted with a number of compact sensors and packed full of advanced computers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEST RIDE

Drives not unlike you when parents are in car

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

Have you heard of the Ford GT?

It's a sexy, mid-engined supercar that went racing and won its class in the grueling 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race.

While cars like this may be appealing to enthusiasts, the real future of the company is in autonomous driving. It's a big bet for the company and it's not the only one gambling on technology that seems plucked out of sci-fi. Not only are other automakers also trying to figure out self-driving cars, but the cleverest minds in computer hardware, software and artificial intelligence are working on it, too.

Ford has the same idea. The automaker has a goal of delivering a Level 4 self-driving car by 2021 for ride-sharing applications. In order to achieve Level 4 designation, the cars will feature no steering wheel or pedals.

Ford has a number of self-driving prototypes that we had a chance to test during a recent event at the automaker's Dearborn campus. They're just like any other Ford Fusion Hybrid you've seen before, but fitted with a number of compact sensors and packed full of advanced computers. They're also driving on public roads. While the sensors are a big part of the self-driving recipe, so are maps. These self-driving cars feature a detailed map that includes stop signs, speed limits, crosswalks, intersections and other static information.

My test ride around the Ford campus was great in terms of showing the capabilities of the self-driving system. But, to put it bluntly, it was boring. Fortunately, I had two Ford engineers who were great at explaining exactly what was going on.

> At one point, a pedestrian wanted the car to go first, but the car's lack of speech and body language meant that everyone in the car had to motion for the pedestrian to cross first.

The car drives like a very smooth but cautious driver, pretty much how I drive whenever my parents are in the car. It takes no risks when making a left-hand turn through an intersection. It carefully (and quickly) calculates how far away the oncoming car is and decides whether it will edge into the middle of the intersection to wait out the traffic and complete the turn, or wait for a bigger gap in traffic. The car I was in decided to wait the traffic out for a whole light signal cycle, something a human driver would never to.

It maintains the speed limit during the drive, coolly ignoring the Dodge Charger tailgating it. It notices pedestrians coming up to a stop sign intersection and stops to let them pass. Actually, at one point, a pedestrian wanted the car to go first, but the car's lack of speech and body language meant that everyone in the car had to motion for the pedestrian to cross first. Who knows what was going on in that pedestrian's head, and who knows if in 20 years that same interaction would be as quirky.

Interestingly, the car did have a slight hiccup during my ride. While driving through an empty road, the car suddenly applied the brakes and slowed down.

The engineers chuckled a bit as the car didn't come to a stop, but cautiously passed what it thought was an obstacle. It could have been a shadow, or maybe a pothole, but it was clear to everyone in the car that there wasn't anything dangerous on the road.

The engineers said this was the second time that the car had noticed something in this specific spot, and that they'll analyze the data.

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Mini racers with a conscience

IN BRIEF

All-wheel drive Challenger coming by year's end

Before they move over to a lighter platform, Dodge's muscle cars are in for a few changes, the largest of which is an all-wheel drive system for the Challenger. In 2018, both of Dodge's famous muscle cars will move over to FCA's new Giorgio platform.

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Formula 1 sold to media firm for $4.4 billion

U.S. company Liberty Media has agreed to purchase Formula 1 for a total of about $4.4 billion U.S. An 18.7 per cent stake in the F1 racing league will be held by Liberty Media immediately, while the full sale could be finished by early 2017. Liberty Media also owns the MLB's Atlanta Braves, a 53 per cent stake in Sirius XM Radio, a 26 per cent stake in Live Nation Entertainment and smaller stakes in other companies. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

WHEELS ROUNDUP

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THE FIREFLY

First electric car for kids

The Firefly is being touted as the world's first electric car specifically developed for five- to 10-year-olds. It comes from Young Driver Motor Cars Limited, a division of Young Driver. The company recruited a team of U.K. automotive experts, setting a goal to design and manufacture a properly engineered small electric car, rather than the toys available for kids under the age of five. According to Young Driver Motor Cars Limited, the Firefly handles and drives like a full-sized car and includes hydraulic disc brakes, rack and pinion steering, independent suspension, a tablet-based dash and an eye-catching body style designed by Chris Johnson, who has over 30 years experience designing for automakers like Land Rover, Jaguar, Ford and Volvo. Powered by two electric motors, the Firefly can reach a restricted top speed of 16 km/h and can be set to Junior or Experienced mode.

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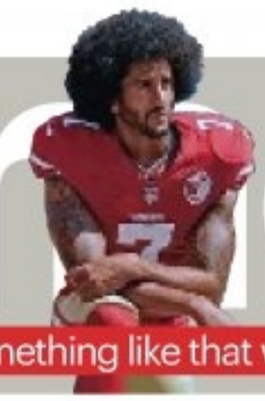

"If something like that were going to happen, you've proved my point": Colin Kaepernick says he's received death threats for his anthem protests

Ameri-can't: Canada ensures U.S. elimination

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Tournament hosts double up their archrivals

Matt Duchene scored a pair of goals and Carey Price made 33 saves as the Canadians rolled over the United States 4-2 at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday night. The victory clinched a spot in the semifinal for Canada while eliminating the U.S. from competition for the tournament crown.

Corey Perry and Patrice Bergeron also scored for Canada in the win.

Ryan McDonagh and T.J. Oshie had goals for the Americans, while Jonathan Quick gave up four goals on 34 shots.

Team Europe will join the Canadians in the next round, which begins Saturday evening.

Canada's overwhelming blend of skill, speed and depth were ultimately too much for the U.S. and more than enough for a berth in the semifinal.

Duchene scored twice in only 11 minutes, while Price thoroughly outduelled his American counterpart.

Eight different players have goals for the Canadians through two games and all but three players have mustered at least a point. Ten players registered at least one point on Tuesday.

Team Canada got the puck past American goaltender Jonathan Quick four times Tuesday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

The Americans, conversely, scored only two goals in two games before being eliminated and none from reigning Hart Trophy winner Patrick Kane. Their roster was built behind size and physicality as a means of toppling Canada, a bet that ultimately failed.

Canada expected a "desperate" bunch and indeed, it was the Americans hitting the board first.

TUESDAY In Toronto

CANADA	USA
4	2

Never trailing in their 6-0 tournament-opening win over the Czechs, Canada gave up the first goal of the game — and their first goal of the tournament — when McDonagh banged a rebound past Price four-plus minutes into the opening frame. An odd series of deflections saw the puck land on McDonagh's tape just outside the crease.

The deficit was short-lived though.

Canada struck back a minute and a half later on the first goal of the tournament from Duchene and then jumped in front 14 seconds after that on a goal from Perry.

Duchene took advantage of a wily play by Marc-Edouard Vlasic. The Quebec native flung a shot wide off the endboards, the carom landing right in the space Duchene occupied on Quick's doorstep. The 25-year-old outmuscled Dustin Byfuglien for puck control before putting a backhand into the net.

Byfuglien, the Winnipeg Jets defender, was re-inserted into the U.S. lineup after being scratched in their 3-0 loss to Europe over the weekend.

Perry then gave Canada the lead without even shooting, a Logan Couture rebound pinging off his side and into the U.S. goal. American head coach John Tortorella challenged the play, but the goal and Canada's 2-1 lead were upheld.

The Canadians added to their lead about six minutes later on Duchene's second of the night. He capitalized on a deflected Max Pacioretty passing attempt along the wall before making a nifty move and shot between Quick's pads.

Bergeron added to the lead in the second period when a John Tavares shot bounced off of him and the skate of McDonagh before trickling into the net. THE CANADIAN PRESS

King Henrik back in fine form

The old Henrik Lundqvist was back in net for Sweden.

The 34-year-old goaltender sprinkled in some highlight-reel saves while stopping 36 Finnish shots in Sweden's 2-0 win at the World Cup of Hockey.

"We were confident with him coming in today, even after Jacob (Markstrom) played such a good game like he did (on Sunday)," said Swedish captain Henrik Sedin. "Being around Henrik for a few weeks now, we knew he was going to come in and have a great game."

TUESDAY In Toronto

SWEDEN	FINLAND
2	0

Anton Stralman and Loui Eriksson provided the offence for the Swedes (2-0-0), who now have a firm grip on the top spot in Group B. Finland, who dropped to 0-2-0 with the loss, is in tough to advance to the semifinals.

Lundqvist, who missed Sweden's first game of the tournament on Sunday due to an illness, struggled in pre-tournament competition posting a 4.49 goals-against average and a .778 save percentage in two appearances. The Rangers goaltender was pulled from last Wednesday's game against Team Europe after allowing five goals on 22 shots in a 6-2 loss. THE CANADIAN PRESS

David Ortiz celebrates hitting a three-run home run with Hanley Ramirez in Baltimore Tuesday. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Ortiz powers Sox to 6th straight win

David Ortiz broke open a tight game with a three-run homer in the seventh inning, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 Tuesday night for their sixth straight victory.

Jackie Bradley Jr. also homered for the Red Sox, who stretched their lead over Baltimore in the AL East to five games. After sweeping four games from the Yankees, Boston has won the first two of this pivotal four-game series.

The Red Sox are 11-3 in their last 14 games and a major league-best 13-5 in September.

Trey Mancini homered in his major-league debut with the Orioles, who began the day tied with Toronto for the two AL wild cards.

The Red Sox led 2-1 in the seventh when Marco Hernandez and Mookie Betts singled off Kevin Gausman (8-11). One out later, Ortiz hit a 1-2 pitch far over the centre-field wall.

Ortiz now has 36 home runs and 121 RBIs on the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELSEWHERE ON TUESDAY

Yankees 5, Rays 3
Rookie slugger Gary Sanchez hit his 17th homer in 42 games this season, a three-run shot in a four-run seventh inning that sent New York past Tampa Bay. It was the young catcher's sixth home run in 11 games following a 10-game drought.

Indians 2, Royals 1
Pinch-hitter Brandon Guyer doubled in a run with two outs in the ninth inning, helping Cleveland move closer to an AL Central title. Guyer's hit off Joakim Soria landed just fair in the right-field corner and scored Coco Crisp. Cleveland led Detroit by seven games in the division entering Tuesday.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0
Giancarlo Stanton homered to back a strong outing by Jose Fernandez, who pitched eight innings and struck out 12 for Miami. Fernandez (16-8) allowed three hits without a walk to outduel Washington's Tanner Roark (15-9) who pitched seven innings and allowed one run.

Off to a flying start

NFL

Praise heaped on rookie QB Wentz, but D is holding its own

A 2-0 start in Philadelphia has people comparing Carson Wentz to Peyton Manning and Doug Pederson to Vince Lombardi.

Eagles defensive co-ordinator Jim Schwartz deserves some credit, too.

Wentz has certainly exceeded expectations. He's the first rookie quarterback in NFL history to win his first two starts and not commit a turnover.

Pederson has pushed all the right buttons, showing strong leadership and excellent playcalling.

Meanwhile, Schwartz has taken a defence that ranked among the worst each of the past three seasons and turned it into a stingy unit. They're ranked fourth in yards allowed and have allowed the second-fewest points (that includes a punt return for a TD).

The Eagles' Malcolm Jenkins sacks Bears quarterback Jay Cutler on Monday night in Chicago. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

"I like the way it's coming together," middle linebacker Jordan Hicks said after Monday night's 29-15 win at Chicago.

"We're playing stout, pretty strong and aggressive. That's what this defence is. I'm excited. The sky is the limit with this defence. We have a lot to improve and it's a long season, but we've started out pretty well."

Schwartz, a former head coach in Detroit, returned to coaching after sitting out the 2015 season. He brought an aggressive, 4-3 scheme and is maximizing the talent he has.

Brandon Graham and Connor Barwin moved to defensive end after playing linebacker in former co-ordinator Billy Davis' 3-4 system. Fletcher Cox and Bennie Logan are getting a strong push up the middle. Linebackers Hicks and Nigel Bradham have made big plays. The secondary overcame the absence of injured cornerback Leodis McKelvin and shut down Jay Cutler and the Bears.

"We're playing well together, having fun and everybody is chipping in," said Graham, who had one sack and two tackles for losses.

Wentz, the No. 2 overall pick, gets most of the praise and he's been outstanding. He has a 94.1 rating, three TDs and a completion rate of 60.6 per cent.

Wentz already has won more games in two starts than Joe Montana (0-1) and Troy Aikman (0-11) did their rookie seasons. Manning went 3-13 with the Colts in 1998. John Elway (4-6), Terry Bradshaw (3-5), Fran Tarkenton (2-8) and Johnny Unitas (3-4) also had losing years as rookies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

Fabregas leaves Leicester aghast

Chelsea and Liverpool both advanced to the last 16 of the English League Cup on Tuesday — but took different routes.

Chelsea came from two goals down at Leicester before Cesc Fabregas' double clinched a 4-2 win in extra time. Liverpool topped Derby 3-0 on goals from Ragnar Klavan, Philippe Coutinho and Divock Origi scoring the goals.

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Cesc Fabregas scored two in extra time Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Raptors sign up hometown guard Heslip to deal

The Toronto Raptors have signed free-agent guard Brady Heslip.

The native of Burlington, Ont., spent the 2015-16 season with Acqua Vitasnella Cantu in Italy, averaging 12.7 points and shooting .455 from three-point range in 29 games. The Raptors open training camp Sept. 27 in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sprinter Gay to try bobsled

Tyson Gay is entered in this week's USA Bobsled National Push Championships, making him the latest track star to give sledding a try.

The push championships start Wednesday in Calgary.

Gay won a silver medal in the 4x100-metre relay at the 2012 Olympics, though was ultimately stripped of the medal after testing positive for steroids.

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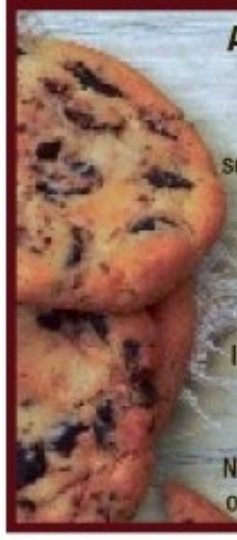

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Makes 14 silver dollar-sized cakes

Ingredients
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 zucchini, grated
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp grapeseed oil

Directions

1. In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk the eggs and corn together. Stir in the carrot, zucchini and green onion. Add the flour and salt and mix well.

2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat and then drop heaping tablespoons of batter into skillet. Press down on the batter to form a pancake.

3. Cook the pancake until it's golden brown and then flip and cook on the other side.

4. Remove pancakes from the pan and place on paper towel. Serve with sour cream, a sprinkle of green onions and a side salad.

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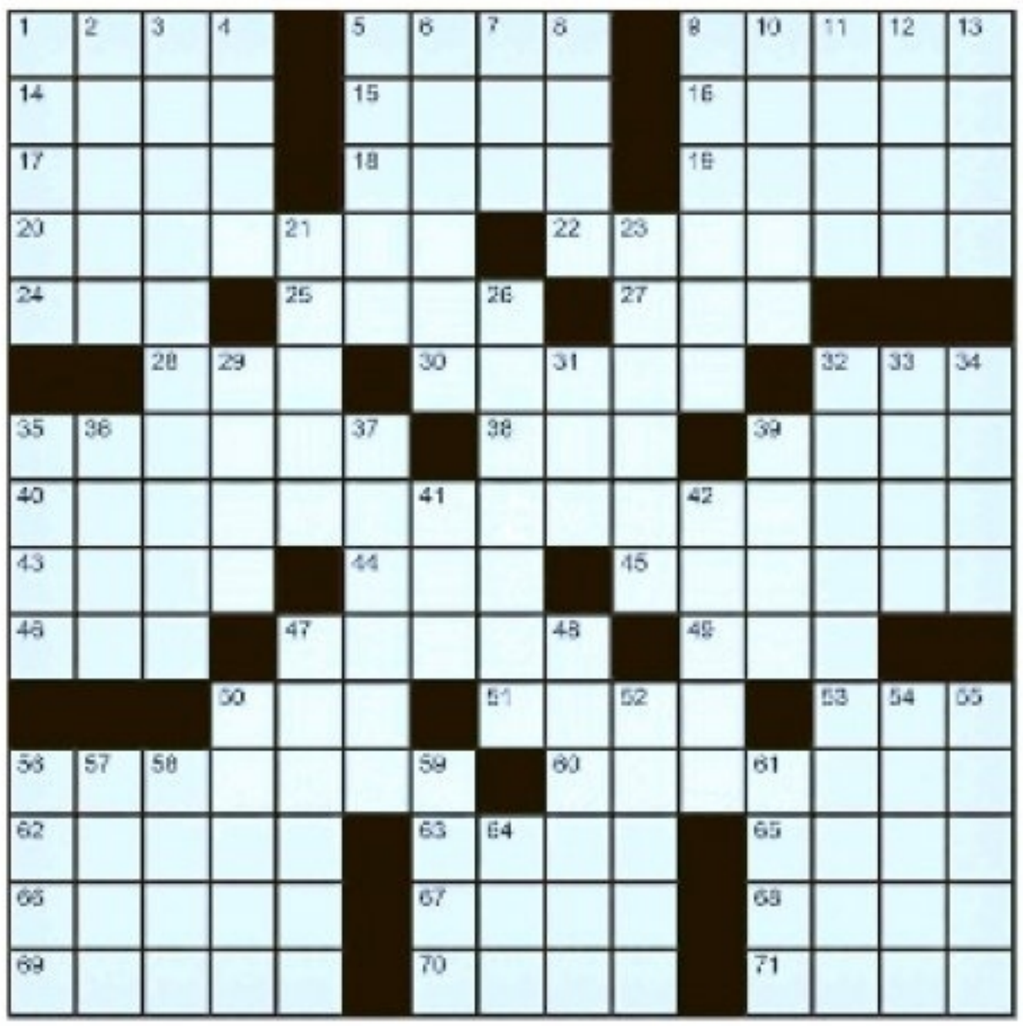
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Geological flattop
5. Mr. Tamblyn of "West Side Story" (1961)
9. Comic legend Ms. Burnett
14. Reunion attendee
15. Call Question link
16. Lyric poem
17. Skipping __
18. Potato chips brand
19. Red Square's at-rest ruler
20. Robert Urich '80s series, "__: For Hire"
22. "New __ Is Sinking" by The Tragically Hip
24. __ Royal Highness
25. Religious tune
27. Flooring choice
28. 1966 Small Faces hit: "__-La-La-La-Lee"
30. __ eclipse
32. Evergreen tree
35. Centre Block's city
38. Curtain holder
39. __-de-camp
40. Arctic __ __ (Northern Canada rodents which hibernate)
43. Mr. Grey of Tea
44. 'Game' in Gaspe
45. Bird of Jove's baby
46. Middle
47. Post-game analysis
49. Agreement sign
50. Beak: French
51. __ mat
53. Final amt.
56. "What's your destination?" (Cabbie's query): 2 wds.
60. Clique
62. Countrified
63. Kind of shark
65. Hold on property
66. Comparable
67. __ 'Orleans, Quebec
68. Twirled
69. Speedy, fast-__
70. Head, in Hull
71. Catch a glimpse

DOWN
1. Liquidy low-lying land
2. Secretly wed
3. NBC's 'big box' workplace sitcom on which Canadian comic actor Mark McKinney plays the manager at Cloud 9
4. Sermonizer's sure!
5. Amber who won "Dancing with the Stars" in 2013
6. De-weaponizes
7. Farm enclosure
8. Average
9. Wine __
10. Take __ __ (Look at the present ahead of time)
11. Retail chain headquartered in Boucherville in Quebec
12. Norse deity
13. Mr. Dykstra's
21. Mr. Desman, Canadian singer
23. Rock tour gig
26. Ski resort in Banff since 1926
29. Cart along
31. Mary's newsroom boss
32. Excursions for students at museums, for instance: 2 wds.
33. Still
34. Take 15
35. Moulding style
36. Serving need
37. Intro to 'ive' (Noun describer)
39. Jason's craft
41. Dry, as wine
42. Rushed towards: 2 wds.
47. Staggered
48. Shirt's storage spot
50. Restrain on the road
52. Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. __"
54. Traffic standstill
55. Squiggy's sidekick
56. Gift __
57. __-hoop
58. Mr. Stoltz
59. Exclude
61. "So... what __ is new?"
64. Adam's __ (Water, colloquially)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Think twice in all your discussions with others, because this is a confusing day. In fact, someone might be playing fast and loose with the truth. If you suspect someone is lying to you, you're right.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Avoid important discussions with bosses, parents and VIPs today. This evening, difficulties with a partner are likely. Fortunately, this is minor stuff.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Neptune. This means it's easy to kid yourself about something. Likewise, it's easy for others to kid you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't be discouraged if someone older or in a position of authority is critical of you. This is temporary. Tomorrow is a different day!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
In a group situation today, someone might squelch your plans, especially if your meeting is late in the day. You don't have to take this seriously. Just wait a day or two.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are high-viz today. People notice you. Do not be so distracted that you are taken in by someone who is not honest. Be careful about what others tell you because it might not be true.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because there's just too much confusion. Nothing will be resolved

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone important financial decisions today, because you might not have the correct facts. It's possible someone will deceive you. Until you know for sure, do not act.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today. Don't let someone older discourage you. Family discussions might not be entirely true.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Confusion at work might lead to feelings of discouragement this evening. Do as little as possible today. Wait until tomorrow to see which way the wind is blowing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Romantic relationships might disappoint you today. Don't believe everything you hear. Late in the day, children might be an increased responsibility.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Family discussions are confusing today. An older family member might try to thwart your plans. Say as little as possible and postpone important decisions.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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